



Ecology and Environmental Awareness Committee

**MINUTES
EEAC COMMITTEE
JANUARY 27, 2011
CITY HALL A/B CONFERENCE ROOM**

ROLL CALL:

Diane Meyer, Chair
Richard Marx Jr
Jeffrey Flotken
Susan Buse
Pamela Fournier
Punit Jain
Alex Bornstein
Stan Braude
Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Aldermanic Representative
Maria Massad, Student Representative from Clayton High School

ABSENT:

Peter John Le Blanc

CITY STAFF:

Mike Pratt, Director of Public Works
Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Jonathan Shumway

The minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting were approved with the correction of the spelling of Susan Buse name.

Diane opened the meeting with the discussion on the Art Fair Green Award.

Daneen passed out a copy of last year's Green Award letter and advised the committee the letter needs to be returned to her no later than mid- February. She informed the committee she had spoken with Laura Miller from Cultural Festivals and was advised the packets for all vendors will be going out in the beginning of March and any letter the committee wanted to include must be to her by the end of February. Daneen informed the committee the Art Fair Committee meets with staff only in February and have their first meeting with the vendors in August; the committee is welcome to attend.

The committee agreed the Green Award wasn't as successful as they had hoped and decided to come up with something new this year.

The committee had a general discussion on several different ideas ranging from an art contest with students to a raffle with ticket stubs from the Metro riders. Diane asked Maria and Jonathan if they would go back to school and see what ideas the kids could come up with, must be pertaining to art and we would continue the discussion at the February meeting.

Mike touched on the idea regarding the ticket raffle involving the Metro tickets; he advised the committee that someone would have to be responsible for the container. Mike said the Art Fair committee is already swamped and we cannot expect them keep an eye on it.

The committee continued to discuss several ideas regarding the Metro and bicycling to the Art Fair. Mike asked Daneen if she could find out from Laura Miller for the next meeting if the Art Fair already supports the riding of Metro and biking to the Art Fair

Pamela and Richard suggested we still send out a letter but not for a competition, just a simple letter from the committee encouraging the restaurants to use green philosophy. The committee thought it was a good idea but needs someone to volunteer to write it.

Jeffrey suggested getting an electric car or a photocell of what the City plans on having on the roof on the new police building and maybe place it somewhere on the Art Fair grounds. Mike said if this is something we want to do, we would have to definitely talk with Laura Miller to see if the spacing is available.

Stan asked the committee if there are any other issues we might want to touch base on, such as water issues or run off issues. Mike said run off is an issue because the sewer lines are over 100 years old and with more buildings and homes being built it provides less ground for water to seep back into. Stan ask if the Art Fair causes any more problems regarding run off issues, Mike said he doesn't believe so. Mike informed the committee he believes the two largest environmental issues we have at the Art Fair is transportation and waste generators.

Mike asked Daneen to speak with Laura and see if in their advertisement guide if we can place a short message with an environmental theme to it and if they would be willing to include the location of the Metro station and locations of bike racks or bike parking area.

Diane asked for the Big Belly update. Daneen advised the committee the City currently has 3 sets; they are located Hanley/Wydown, Central/Forsyth and Carondelet Plaza. Daneen said Gary informed her that the trash is emptied maybe every other week and the recycling side is emptied

even less and at a financial stand point the Big Bellies are not cost friendly even though they are environmentally green.

The committed asked if one of the Big Bellies can be placed by Kaldi's on DeMun. Mike said he would check with Gary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 24, 2011.**

cc: Lenore Toser-Aldaz, Deputy City Manager
Mike Pratt, Director of Public Works
June Waters, City Clerk
Judy Kekich, Economic Outreach Coordinator